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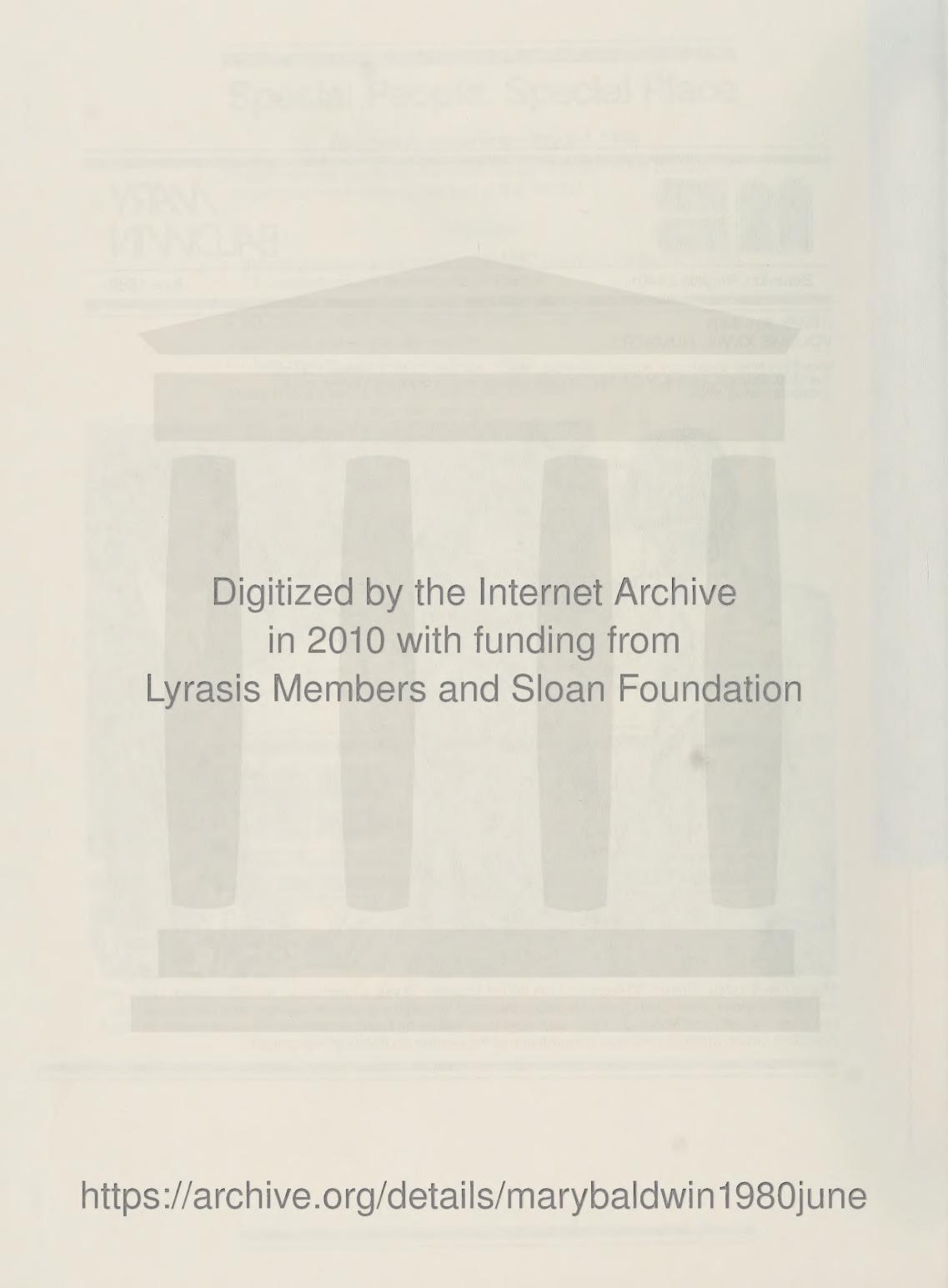
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Minnie Lee Mahony Ginther '30 (second from left) of Houston, Texas, a member of the 50th reunion class, was the 1980 recipient of the Emily Smith Medallion awarded for service to church, college, and community. Her two sons, Pat, left, and Noblè, Jr., right, surprised their mother by being present for the presentation on May 3. President Lester, second from right, congratulates Mrs. Ginther on behalf of the college.

A faint, light gray watermark of a classical building facade with four columns and a triangular pediment is visible in the background.

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What's new/what's happening/what's current on the campus



Mildred Bagley Garden '30 of Kenbridge, Va., who was recovering from an accident, didn't let the steps and hills keep her from touring the campus. She and Katherine Duff Powell '30, Raleigh, N.C., stop to talk with other 50th reunion classmates.



Behind those big glasses are Martha Anne Pool Page '48, of Staunton, Va., a former president of the Alumnae Association, and Elizabeth Jennings Shupe '70, West Lafayette, Ind.



Karen Lipidke, daughter of Margaret Fogie Lipidke '70, wonders how grown ups can do so much talking as she rests against a column.



The campus was the scene of much hugging and kissing as classmates, students, and professors met again after years of separation.



In honor of her services as president of the Alumnae Association from 1952-54, Josephine Hannah Holt '44, Blacksburg, Va., left, receives a certificate of appreciation from Sylvia Baldwin Moffett '76, director of alumnae activities, at the alumnae luncheon. Seven former presidents were in attendance.



Dean Emeritus Martha S. Grafton is assisted at registration by Lelia Jo Hook '48 and Fran Dudley Schmid '40.



Margaret Hawkins Oosterman, Alexandria, Va., Deborah Howe, Madison Heights, Va., Jill Eiseman, Brookline, Mass., and Leslie Freeman, Jacksonville, Fla., all of the Class of '70, try to decide which seminars to attend next.

"Special People, Special Place"—they were and it was!

Spirits were as bright as the weather at Alumnae Homecoming 1980. On the first weekend in May, 248 alumnae, husbands, and guests came to the campus to celebrate the yearly tradition of reunions, reminiscences, and reacquaintance with MBC. The emerald green hillside and cream buildings were the background for clusters of balloons on the lampposts and colorful welcome banners prepared by students who were celebrating their Spring Arts Festival.

This first year of the revised reunion schedule brought nine classes to the campus, including two joint reunions—1965 and 1966 celebrating their 15th together and 1945 and 1946 marking their 35th. 1930—the 50th reunion class—turned

out 13 members, one of the largest recorded for a 50th anniversary.

Two alumnae contributed special talents to the success of the weekend. Participants were able to register in advance for a Career and Life Planning Workshop held Friday afternoon by Carol Kirchner Elyson '50, director of the Center for Women's Opportunities, American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, Washington, D.C. A nationally recognized authority in the fields of postsecondary vocational education for women, community college curricula, career counseling, and the occupational education needs of the disadvantaged adult, she has conducted workshops for more than 50 institutions and agencies.

Meredith Carter Patterson '65 was honored Friday evening with an exhibit of her paintings. Most of those shown were pastel portraits, which are representative of the many she has done to earn her well-deserved reputation in the Raleigh-Durham, N.C. area. Children are her most frequent subjects.

Mrs. Patterson was honored at a reception after the opening of her show, which was followed by a concert of the Mary Baldwin College Concert Choir.

Alumnae came not only to see each other and celebrate, but to learn about Mary Baldwin today. "MBC Update" was scheduled as the first event of Saturday morning. Faculty, staff, and students participated in a

four-part presentation of the College's progress in admissions, curriculum, development, and student life. Adding to this fact-filled session were two tours conducted during the day by William G. Wehner, vice president for development. The large group which signed up to tour became acquainted with the Lower Campus, then saw all the progress made on the Upper Campus, which was the SMA property purchased in 1976.

President Virginia Lester's "state of the College" address at Saturday's alumnae luncheon emphasized to alumnae the forward movement made by the College in recent years. With increased facilities, a larger endowment, and a record enrollment of 929 students, Dr. Lester said the College

has "a different vantage point" from four years ago. In spite of financial problems when she came in 1976, she said, "We have achieved the reputation of a turnaround college."

Learning opportunities did not stop with Mary Baldwin College as 11 seminars were offered during Saturday. Topics ranged from "Wok Cookery" to "Energy and Common Sense: An Anatomy of Two Shortages," and readings from Shakespeare to "Two-Career Families." There were so many options available that it was hard to choose. Some alumnae opted for day-long viewing of the Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Women's Tennis Tournament (formerly called MALTA) which was in progress on the Skyline Courts.

The alumnae luncheon, brightly decorated with individual class arrangements, was in honor of all past presidents of the Mary Baldwin Alumnae Association. Present were Mary Edgar Hubbard Parmelee '30, Upper Montclair, N.J., 1932-1933; Mary Opie Robinson '35, Richmond, Va., 1950-1952; Josephine Hanah Holt '44, Blacksburg, Va., 1952-1954; Adele Goch Kiessling '38, Staunton, Va., 1955-1956; Martha Anna Pool Page '48, Staunton, Va., 1962-1964; Mary Hombarger Muston '55, Covington, Va., 1968-1970; Mary Lamont Wade '52, Richmond, Va., 1976-1978. Each returning president was given a pewter plate with the seal of the College and a certificate of recognition. A permanent record of their service to the Association was unveiled—a handsome walnut plaque designed and crafted by Royden Goodson of Newport News, Va., husband of Patricia Andrea Goodson '51, a member of the Alumnae Association Board of Directors. Mr. Goodson was presented a gift for his contribution.

Highlight of the luncheon was the presentation of the Emily Smith Medallion to Minnie Lee Mahony. Ginther '30 of Houston, Texas. Mrs. Ginther received the silver medallion in the presence of two of her children whose attendance at the occasion was a surprise. In acknowledging her student activities and her community participation, the citation noted that "her warmth, laughter, and innate love and understanding for her fellow man are characteristics that best describe the one we recognize today."

The medallion was initiated in 1964 and was named for Mrs. Herbert McKeldin Smith (Emily Pancake) of Staunton, a graduate of the Class of 1906. Mrs. Smith's son, Dr. McKeldin Smith, and daughter-in-law, Ann Sims Smith '45 were both present at the luncheon.

A new recognition was given this year, also to a member of the Class of 1930. Evelyn Baker Arey, Minneapolis, Minn., was awarded a certificate of merit to recognize her work as chairperson of the 50th reunion class and

the class' 50th Anniversary Endowment Fund, which added \$110 to the College's endowment. Each member of the 50th class was also presented a gold charm inscribed with the date of their golden anniversary as alumnae of Mary Baldwin.

The traditional "Roadrunner Awards" added their own special humor to the luncheon program. Jane Thompson Stocomp '46 of Galena Park, Texas, was the alumna who traveled farthest to her reunion. Stuart Lane Arey of Minneapolis, Minn., was the husband who had come the farthest to attend.

Faculty and staff joined alumnae at an evening picnic in the Student Activities Center before reunion alumnae gathered in separate locations for their class parties. Sunday morning, a chapel service followed by a luncheon in the dining hall ended the full schedule of events.

While festivity and fun prevailed for most alumnae, the Alumnae Association Board of Directors observed business as usual as their spring meeting was scheduled Saturday afternoon. They voted to produce a second printing of the Association's cookbook, *From Ham to Jam*. Alumnae had been invited to express their views on this matter at an open meeting Friday afternoon.

Although officially elected at the alumnae luncheon, the new officers and members of the Alumnae Association Board of Directors will not begin their terms until July first. Susan Thompson Hoffmann '64, Darville, Va., was elected to succeed Barbara Freeman Ragsdale '67 as president.

Other officers and new members are as follows:

First Vice President:

Brenda Nichol Goings '71 (Mrs. Rick), Charlottesville, Virginia

Vice President for Annual Giving:

Leigh Yates '74, Richmond, Virginia

Vice President for Continuing Education:

Virginia Mudd Galvez '73 (Mrs. Jose), Baltimore, Maryland

Members-at-Large:

Nancy Ambler '75, Croton-on-Hudson, New York

Ruth Nimmo Dixon '64 (Mrs. Walter, Jr.), Roanoke, Virginia

Ann Whitney Dodd '78, Charlottesville, Virginia

Susan Baughman Homer '74, Springfield, Virginia

Carroll Blair Keiger '76 (Mrs. Joseph Lee), Richmond, Virginia

Emily Wirsing Kelly '63 (Mrs. Timothy A.), Salette, Louisiana

Lynn Howard Lawrence '78 (Mrs. Robert S.), Virginia Beach, Virginia

Betty Lou Barnes Pigg '64 (Mrs. G. Ronald), Bassett, Virginia

Margaret Beery Wilson '73, Richmond, Virginia

Katherine Bonney Burgdorf '61 (Mrs. Carl F., III), Hampton, Virginia

First woman to head Trustees

Rosemarie Sena of New York, N.Y., has been elected as the chairman of Mary Baldwin College's Board of Trustees. She is the first woman to serve in this capacity in the history of the College.

Sena is senior vice president of Shearson Loeb Rhoades, the second largest brokerage firm in the U.S., and has received much recognition for her professional accomplishments. She was named one of the five top corporate women by the National Broadcasting Company, and has appeared on a number of NBC news shows. She was featured in *Town & Country* magazine's article, "Wall Street's Winningest Women" in January, 1977. She is also one of only four women to have served as a director on Wall Street.

Sena's many memberships show her wide range of interests. She serves on the corporate boards of Simpson Electric Corp., Stand, Inc., Economy Service, Inc., and is a member of the board of trustees for the Israel Cancer Research Foundation. She is also a member of the New York Zoological Society and the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

In the August 1979 magazine issue of *Mary Baldwin*, Rosemarie

Sena was quoted in the opening article about successful MBC alumnae in New York. "A woman's college," she said in this article, "can provide a basis for higher attainments, free from distractions, from campus fads and superficialities."

A graduate of Michigan State University, Rosemarie Sena has served on the Mary Baldwin Board of Trustees since 1978, and was chairman of the Finance, Business, and Endowments Committee for 1979-80. As chairman of the Board of Trustees, she succeeds Mr. Ralph W. Kittle, vice president of the International Paper Company in Washington, D.C.



June 30 deadline and \$1 million total are approaching fast

The June 30 deadline to meet the \$1 million challenge is drawing near and the race is on to raise the total in pledges necessary to qualify for the gift. The first million was presented to the College on March 31. The second million is contingent upon the Mary Baldwin Board of Trustees raising a matching million in pledges.

With the proximity of the deadline, efforts are intensifying to raise the remaining \$250,000. Since the challenge was issued by an anonymous donor on February 7, the Office of Development has received contributions totaling \$750,000 from alumnae, parents, trustees, corporations, and friends of Mary Baldwin College. Development staff and volunteers have visited a number of areas of high alumnae concentration such as New York, Dallas, and Atlanta. A target date of May 30 was established for completion of all calls to allow one month for concentrated efforts in meeting the goal. The Board of Trustees, along with a National Development Council co-chaired by Ann Ponder Dickson '61 and Berlie Murphy Deming '46, are working long and hard to achieve the goal.

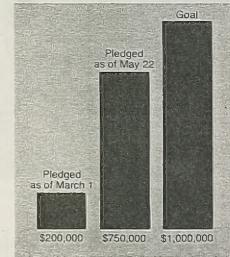
Meeting the challenge would mean meeting the future. President Lester described the gift as "a major advance toward our goal of securing the College's future against the uncertainties of the '80's and '90's." Success in meeting the challenge

would increase the College's endowment by \$3 million.

The following major gifts have been announced since the last report on the challenge in the March issue of *Mary Baldwin*:

- \$100,000 from an alumna of the Class of 1935.
- \$100,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Don Montgomery of El Dorado, Ark. Mrs. Montgomery is a 1937 alumna and their daughter, is the Class of 1962.

Pledges toward the challenge can be paid in cash, appreciated securities, or real properties. Also, trusts which are established will meet qualifications for the challenge. Payments can be made over a period of three to five years.



Student seminars presented issues and information

Draft debate

Several different outlooks on the current draft issue were aired when the Reverend Catherine C. Snyder, college chaplain, organized a draft debate on the campus April 28. Interested students listened to a religious and military view from the chaplain at VMI, and a guest student presented his pacifist stand. A representative from the American Civil Liberties Union in Richmond spoke of the constitutionality of the registration and the draft. In addition, MBC's own Dr. Frank R. Pancake was able to give a military perspective to the subject.

Ms. Snyder, moderator, commented that there were such diverse views presented that the debate made the students think about points they had never before considered.

Know it—but don't use it

Things you'd like to know, but hope you never need to know may include what to do if you happen to be arrested. *Campus Comments'* editor Mandy Burrus emphasized this when she presented, "Buddy, Can You Spare a Dime, or What to Do Until The Lawyer Comes." The program, held on

April 30, featured a policeman, an attorney, the Commonwealth's Attorney, and a judge, all from Staunton.

Each speaker explained his role in the event of an arrest and later answered questions concerning search warrants, arrest procedures, how to find a lawyer, and how a judge works with a jury.

Long live the family

What is happening to family life in America? This was the topic of the recent "Family, Going, Going, Gone?" sponsored by Circle K and the Family

Foundation of America. The chaplain of VMI, executive director of the Family Foundation in Williamsburg, three professors, and a student were panelists in the colloquium.

Views presented included the importance of family life to the growing child, attitudes toward divorce, and the gradual breaking away of an offspring from the family structure. One speaker stated that family life in America is changing, we simply must be flexible enough to accept and adapt to that change.

The Class of 1980 steps out toward the challenges ahead

On Saturday, May 24, Mary Baldwin College presented bachelor's degrees to 172 graduates at the 139th Commencement. Optimism, mixed with a touch of sadness, showed on the faces of all the graduates as they hugged classmates and family members on their last day at Mary Baldwin.

Some had pinned small yellow ribbons to their robes to serve as a reminder that Americans were still held hostage in Iran.

The day began with drizzling rain which forced the ceremony indoors. For the first time the "rain plan" location was the gymnasium of the Staunton YMCA, whose building is adjacent to Tullidge Hall on the Upper Campus.

Speaking for the occasion was Mr. James Wilson Newman, chairman of the finance committee of the Dun & Bradstreet Corporation. His address was entitled "The Business of Being a Woman." As the speaker for the commencement exercises, Mr. Newman brought many academic and professional credentials to the podium with him. He received his bachelor's degree from Clemson University in South Carolina, and then was graduated from New York University Law School. He is a director of Chemical New York Corporation, Chemical Bank, General Foods Corporation, and International Paper Company. In 1969, he served as chairman of the President's Task Force on Small Business and was a member of the Commission on Bankruptcy Laws from 1970 to 1973.

The ceremony followed tradition with the Stonewall Brigade Band, under the direction of Robert N. Moody, providing musical selections for the processional and recessional. The entire graduating class, which was led in the processional by Dr. Ben Smith, faculty marshal, participated in the commencement litany for the seniors, read by fellow classmate, Susan Elizabeth Walker. The Choir of Mary Baldwin College sang "O Bone Jesu" and "Grant Me Again the Joy of Thy Salvation", both by Brahms.

At the conclusion of the baccalaureate portion of the ceremony, which was called to worship by the Reverend Catherine C. Synder, college chaplain, college awards and honors were presented. Dorothy M. Mulberry participated in the presentations for her final time as Dean of the College. Dean Mulberry, who recently resigned her position after 22 years of service to Mary Baldwin, including five years as dean, announced rising senior Glenda Kay Whitaker, Hampton, Va., as the recipient of the

Russell Award in recognition of her academic attainments, high character, and service to the college.

The student award of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion was presented by Dean of Students Mona Olds to Mary Lynn Tuggee who had served as 1979-80 SGA president. Tuggee had been active in campus activities during all four years at Mary Baldwin. Besides her SGA activities, she is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Omicron Delta Epsilon. She was a Bailey Scholar and also received a scholarship from the English Speaking Union of Richmond to study at Exeter College of Oxford University during the summer of 1979.

Tuggee also received the Martha Stackhouse Grafton award for the highest average in the class. Dean Emeritus Grafton made the presentation. The non-student Sullivan award was presented by President Lester to Mrs. Helen A. Groves of Middlebrook, Va. Mrs. Groves was saluted as an active citizen who stands strongly for the causes in which she believes. The award is also given for unselfish service which in many cases has not been given public recognition and was presented to Mrs. Groves to honor the time and effort she has devoted to the support of charitable activities.

The Amy Jane Lawrence, president of the Class of 1980, presented the Class of 1971 Award for Outstanding Community Service to Charles P. Blackley of Staunton. Mr. Blackley received the award in honor of his many volunteer services which have had great impact on the Staunton community. The award was originated by the Class of 1971 in an effort to bring the Staunton community and the Mary Baldwin College community closer together.

Following the address by Mr. James Wilson Newman, President Lester presented the diplomas before a record crowd of parents and friends.

The preceding night seniors had attended a class dinner in Hunt Hall and entertained their guests at a black-tie graduation ball in the Student Activities Center. After the commencement ceremonies Saturday, President Virginia Lester held a reception for visitors and students.

The Class of 1980 elected to pursue majors in a variety of disciplines, but it is significant that business management represented the second most popular major after psychology.



In his address James Wilson Newman said, "If you do not have a goal, ... I urge you to get one or more and get them soon."

The longer you have waited, the sweeter it is to graduate



Adult Degree Program graduate Barbara Snyder and son Raphael.

Those receiving B. A. degrees on May 24 included 39 men and women who were students in the Adult Degree Program. These students had begun their higher education years ago—in one case as many as 35 years ago—but had been unable to finish at the time. Though nearly 39 different lifestyles and reasons for going back to college were represented among the graduates, they all shared a high motivation to complete degree requirements. Ten of the group will pursue graduate studies.

Three years ago, when the Adult Degree Program began operations, eight students enrolled. Since that time, the program has grown to the current enrollment of over 100 students—approximately 15 percent of the total Mary Baldwin College student population. Most of these ADP students are women, however, more and more men are taking advantage of this non-traditional, non-residential degree program for adults.

Biographical information about ADP students reveals that the college is indeed serving that portion of the population for whom the program was originally designed: adults whose family and work responsibilities make it impossible for them to attend college in a traditional, daytime program. Sixty-five percent of the ADP students are married, many with children, and 75 percent are employed, either full-time or part-time. ADP students range in age from 23 to

59, with the average age being 37. The flexibility of study options available through the ADP allows these adults to pursue their degrees without making difficult sacrifices in other important areas of their lives.

Almost all ADP students come to Mary Baldwin with some previous college experience. They may transfer up to three years of credit into the College. Approximately 51 percent of the students bring more than two years of transfer credit, another 25 percent have between one and two years of college, and 24 percent have less than one year. In addition, 26 of these students have received prior learning credit for college-level knowledge gained through work experience, volunteer activities, travel, etc.

Including this year's group, a total of 55 students have been graduated from Mary Baldwin through the ADP. These graduates have experienced a great deal of success in gaining admission to graduate school, receiving promotions in their work, and entering new careers. Ten of these graduates were former Mary Baldwin students whose college careers were interrupted and who chose to return to Mary Baldwin to complete their degrees.

In addition to the degree candidates, the ADP also is serving three college graduates who are returning to school to earn elementary or secondary school teacher certification.

Over the past three years the program has been fortunate to receive financial support from a number of sources. Private donations amounting to \$5000 assisted in the initial planning stages, the Shell Foundation has provided \$2500 annually in scholarship money for women interested in entering business and technical fields, and The International Paper Company has awarded \$10,000 to encourage black women to enter and succeed in the ADP. This is in addition to the three year grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, which provided the support necessary for the program to begin, grow, and become self-supporting.

New Dean will join the campus community in August

Dr. Michael Pincus, dean of arts and sciences at Mansfield State College, Mansfield, Pennsylvania, has been named Dean of Mary Baldwin College. Dr. Pincus succeeds Dorothy Mulberry who has served Mary Baldwin College since 1958.

Dr. Pincus initiated a number of academic programs during his tenure at Mansfield. He helped develop bachelor's degrees in fields such as criminal justice/administration and computer science/information processing. Nearing implementation are programs in para-legal studies, medical physics, cooperative education, and several others.

He received his B.A. from Union College in Schenectady, New York, and his M.A. from the University of North Carolina. Dr. Pincus also received his Ph.D. in romance languages and literatures from UNC. He is particularly interested in the Spanish language, and in 1959-60 attended the Universidad de Madrid. He has held language professorships at several colleges and universities.

His outside interests include theatre, music, opera, and youth athletics. Dr. Pincus has performed

several roles for community and college theatres, in addition to coaching Little League baseball. He also has a master rating in duplicate bridge.

Dr. Pincus and his wife, Jackie, have two sons—one in high school and the other a freshman at Harvard. The family will move to Kable House on the Upper Campus in early August.





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MBC mock convention rallied behind Reagan

Faculty plans

Ronald Reagan won the Republican nomination for president on the first ballot at the Mary Baldwin College Mock Convention Tuesday, April 8. In nominating Reagan, California delegate Tammy Trent of Chase City, Va., said "He will lead us back to sound and responsible government," adding that he "owes no debt to Washington."

Reagan's accomplishments as governor of California were cited as an indication of his political ability. Miss Trent pointed specifically to his reduction of the state's welfare roles, the creation of a state surplus, and encouragement of private enterprise. His victory at the mock convention was an impressive one with 380 votes out of a possible 561. George Bush

captured 111 delegates, and John Anderson claimed 70.

Under the co-leadership of Cathy Jolley of Charlotte, N.C., and Rose VanNess of Richmond, Va., the mock convention generated all the enthusiasm befitting an actual presidential nomination. The two day event opened on Monday, April 7, with a press conference by Mary Dent Crisp, co-chairman of the Republican National Committee and keynote speaker for the convention. Senator Eva Scott of Virginia joined Ms. Crisp as honorary guest on the convention podium and both addressed the convention. Senator Scott was the first woman elected to Virginia's upper chamber.

A parade through downtown Staunton added a festive and fun

note. Each state delegation rode in the procession honking horns and carrying banners—some dressed in costumes to symbolize their particular states. Two students dressed in an elephant's costume amused the gathered crowd.

The convention was kicked off Monday evening with an opening speech by Senator Scott, and the keynote address by Mary Dent Crisp, who called vigorously for Republican leadership. "It's time for a change," said Ms. Crisp, "a Republican change." Following the keynote address, a rather conservative party platform was passed. The platform supported a strong national defense, the protection of state's rights, nuclear power, and the Central Intelligence Agency. The Equal Rights Amendment was opposed by a narrow margin.

Tuesday night saw the nomination of Reagan confirmed about midway through the 20-minute role call of states. The decision came when the Oklahoma delegation cast seven of its ten votes for Reagan, giving him five more votes than he needed to win. If Reagan wins the nomination at the national convention in Detroit this July, it will be the fourth time in a row that Mary Baldwin students have accurately predicted a winner.

The college traditionally holds a mock convention for the "loyal opposition," or the party out of power, each election year. Students were responsible for the organization of the event and aided in the publicity, as well as serving as delegates. State delegates were chosen through random selection by the college's computer.

David M. Cary, associate professor of sociology, will visit India with the Fulbright Group Program of the International Programs Office at VPI & SU to study ecology, culture, and food production.

Joseph M. Garrison, professor of English, will be working on his second book of poetry, entitled, *Questions for King Arthur*.

Robbins L. Gates, professor of political science, will spend several months in the United Kingdom to research the three parties of the Celtic Nationalist movement.

Charlotte A. Hogsett, professor of French, and **Sue Rosser**, assistant professor of biology, will be researching in England for a paper about Charles Darwin.

James L. McAllister, professor of religion and philosophy, will continue his research on the second bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, Richard Channing Moore, at the Library of the Maryland Historical Society.

Maryland Historical Society.
Margaret F. Pinkston, assistant professor of bio-chemistry, has been given a National Science Foundation Equipment Grant to try to determine whether plasma lipoproteins may be involved in delayed hypersensitivity in certain foods.

In certain fields:
Frank Southerington, professor of English, will be conducting research for a biography of Swedish playwright August Strindberg.
William F. Vartorella, assistant professor of communications, will be participating in the 1980 Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents at the University of Wisconsin. The research will focus on the radical women's literature of the 19th



Seniors Martha Philpott, Lexington, N.C., and Margaret Chapman, Spartanburg, S.C.